



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 16, 2010

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Harbor Operations Division, Waterfront Department

SUBJECT: Grant From California Department Of Boating And Waterways For Removal Of Vessels Per The State's Vessel Turn-In Program

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Waterfront Director to execute an agreement with the California Department of Boating and Waterways to accept an \$8,000 grant for the disposal of recreational vessels per the state's Vessel Turn-In Program; and
- B. Increase Fiscal Year 2011 estimated revenue in the amount of \$8,000 and appropriate the funds to the Waterfront Department's Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) has reviewed and approved the Waterfront Department's application for a grant in the amount of \$8,000 for the disposal of vessels that qualify under DBW's Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP). The VTIP is a pilot program allowing local public agencies to accept for disposal derelict vessels or vessels likely to become abandoned that are voluntarily surrendered by their owners. The funds are used to reimburse the City 90% of the cost of disposing vessels acquired under this program. The City, in turn, retains discretionary authority over which vessels it accepts under the VTIP program. By authorizing the Waterfront Director to execute the VTIP agreement, the City will receive this grant funding before the main winter season, when abandoned or derelict vessels often sink or run aground on City beaches.

The VTIP grant will augment a \$40,500 grant from DBW's Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF), receipt of which was approved by Council on September 14, 2010. The AWAF grant is for the removal and disposal of abandoned recreational vessels and related hazards to navigation in City waters and on City beaches. The VTIP grant, in turn, aims to remove vessels from the Harbor before they become abandoned or sink.

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